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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

FROM: W. Hyland

SUBJECT: Reply to General Goodpaster on Offset/German Barracks

As requested (Tab B), I have drafted a reply from Dr. Kissinger to General Goodpaster's message in which he expressed full support of Helmut Schmidt's plan to use more offset funds for barrack rehabilitation in Germany. I assume we also endorse it, but since the overall issues of offset are still open, the reply is hedged.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the reply for Dr. Kissinger (message at Tab A).

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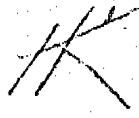
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TO: General Goodpaster SACEUR SHAPE, Belgium

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger 

Your thoughts on Schmidt's proposals for rehabilitating our barracks was much appreciated. We are generally sympathetic to Schmidt's approach, as Secretary Laird indicated. There is still a problem in overall totals of this agreement, but we are confident that we can bring entire matter to an early settlement that will take care of barracks issue.

Warm regards,

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TO DR HENRY KISSINGER THE WHITE HOUSE WASH DC

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SUBJECT: BARRACKS REHABILITATION

DURING A VISIT GENERAL MIKE DAVISON MADE TO SHAPE THIS MORNING, HE GAVE ME A REPORT ON A MEETING HE HAD WITH FRG DEFENSE MINISTER SCHMIDT ON 11 NOVEMBER 1971. IN THE COURSE OF THAT MEETING, SCHMIDT DISCUSSED HIS PROPOSAL TO SPEND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OFFSET MONEY DIRECTLY ON US ARMY BARRACKS RATHER THAN PAY IT INTO THE US TREASURY. SCHMIDT BELIEVES THAT THE PUBLIC, BOTH IN GERMANY AND THE U.S., WOULD REACT WELL TO THE GERMANS' PAYING FOR NEEDED REPAIRS TO LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE US MILITARY IN GERMANY.

MIKE DAVISON REPLIED THAT HE WAS 100 PER CENT FOR REPAIR OF USAREUR BARRACKS BY THE FRG. I, TOO, AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN FAVOR OF THIS, AS YOU MAY RECALL, AND AM THEREFORE IN SUPPORT OF SCHMIDT'S PROPOSAL. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT IF THE FRG DOES NOT REHABILITATE THE BARRACKS, WE WILL CERTAINLY HAVE TO DO IT IN ANY EVENT, AND ON SOMETHING LIKE THE SAME SCALE. THE UPGRADING OF THE CONDITION OF THESE BARRACKS IS A CORNERSTONE IN THE EFFORT TO CREATE A MODERN PROFESSIONAL ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS. I BELIEVE THAT BOLD MEASURES ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM. THEREFORE, WHEN DECISION TIME COMES, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I SUPPORT SCHMIDT'S PLAN TO SPEND A PORTION OF OFFSET FUNDS DIRECTLY ON USAREUR BARRACKS REHABILITATION.

WARM REGARDS.

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